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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Agenda item 173: Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly *(continued)* (A/C.6/56/L.3)

1. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.3.

2. *Draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.3 was adopted.*

3. **Mr. Manis** (Sudan) welcomed the adoption of the draft resolution, since regional integration organizations were among the main vehicles for economic and social development in the countries of Africa. The Committee's decision would help to strengthen cooperation between the members of the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States and the United Nations and thereby assist the countries of the Community in their efforts to achieve the development objectives set by the United Nations.

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4. **Mr. Gomaa** (Egypt) requested more time to continue his consultations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 176.

5. **Mr. Hamidullah** (Bangladesh) requested that the Committee defer its consideration of the draft resolution to a later meeting to allow him time to conclude the negotiations which he had begun with other delegations.

6. **The Chairman** said that the Committee would resume its consideration of the draft resolution at a later meeting.

Agenda item 168: Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly *(continued)* (A/C.6/56/L.5)

7. **The Chairman** drew attention to draft decision A/C.6/56/L.5.

8. *Draft decision A/C.6/56/L.5 was adopted.*

Agenda item 165: Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization *(continued)* (A/C.6/56/L.6)

9. **Mr. Herasymenko** (Ukraine), introducing draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.6, entitled "Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions", said that the text was to a large extent based on the text of resolution 55/157, which had been adopted the previous year, but it also took into account the relevant resolutions which the General Assembly had adopted at its fifty-fifth session, the most recent reports of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations, the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the Secretary-General, and the draft recommendations of the working group of the Security Council to develop general recommendations on how to improve the effectiveness of United Nations sanctions. The only new paragraph in the preamble referred to paragraphs 56 to 61 of the road map towards the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (A/56/326), which contained the views of the Secretary-General on ways of minimizing the adverse effects of sanctions on innocent populations and third parties. The operative part also remained essentially unchanged. It should be noted, however, that, inter alia, paragraph 6 had been slightly rephrased to take into account a recommendation by the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations that called on the Secretary-General to expedite the preparation of his report. That report was long overdue and should be submitted to the General Assembly as soon as possible.

10. He hoped that the draft resolution, which was balanced and non-controversial, would be adopted by consensus, as had been the case in previous years.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.